

upon her retirement after a long and accomplished career at Baldwin EMC.

Donna's community involvement and professional accolades have led me and many others to call her the Queen of Baldwin County.

I do not bestow that designation lightly. I have known and worked with Donna for many years, dating back to my time in the Alabama State Senate two decades ago. She was a force even then, and her level of service and influence in southwest Alabama have only grown.

She is recognized across the region for being an asset to Baldwin EMC and their thousands of customers as well as the community at large.

I wish Donna my sincerest best wishes in her retirement. I have no doubt she will remain a fixture in the community she so humbly and ably serves.

#### FEDERAL EXECUTIONS DURING A PANDEMIC IS MORALLY BANKRUPT

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, the Federal Government will execute a Black man named Orlando Hall in the middle of a deadly pandemic that is spiking toward unprecedented levels. The death penalty is cruel, unusual, barbaric, and immoral.

Mr. Hall will be the eighth prisoner executed under Bill Barr's leadership since June—eight expedited executions since June in this country—and the first by a lame duck President in a century, the eighth one being done tomorrow.

Carrying out Federal executions during a deadly pandemic puts hundreds of people at risk, from local community members, to Bureau of Prison employees, to lawyers and advocates.

The Trump administration's choice to risk life in an expedited rush to take life is morally bankrupt.

To quote my dear friend and late colleague Elijah Cummings, we, as United States citizens, are better than this.

#### CONGRATULATING MOLDOVA'S NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT MAIA SANDU

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to former Prime Minister Maia Sandu on being elected the new President of Moldova on Sunday.

Correspondent Corneliu Rusnac has reported, "Pro-Western candidate wins Moldovan Presidential election," and that "Maia Sandu, a former World Bank economist who favors closer ties with the European Union, has won Moldova's Presidential runoff vote, de-

cisively defeating the staunchly pro-Russian incumbent, according to preliminary results released Monday."

It should always be remembered that Moldova was the first victim of Putin-maintained aggression by the occupation of Transnistria in 1991, which was a tragic prelude to the illegal Putin occupation of territories in the Republic of Georgia in 2008 and eastern Ukraine in 2014, where over 13,000 citizens have died. All three illegal Putin occupations persist today.

Americans are so grateful for this renewed opportunity to work with Moldova and congratulate the Moldovan people on their new President.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

God bless the people of Moldova.

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#### DESPERATE CALL FOR HELP MUST BE ANSWERED

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic is raging; 1 million cases in a single week; more than 100,000 cases each day since November 4.

Yet, as we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, I am so grateful for the nonprofit community organizations that are helping to get us through this: neighbors helping neighbors, serving meals, caring for seniors, and those with disabilities, housing, and job assistance, and more.

They are essential cords of our safety net, but that safety net is fraying. Calls to Broward County's 211 helpline quadrupled when the pandemic hit, and have seen a surge ever since.

With Federal assistance expiring, the calls get more desperate, and now the helpers are calling for help. Congress must answer that call. There is nothing more important in this body right now than getting help out to our communities.

The House, the Senate, the White House must get that help through the COVID-19 wave that is crashing across our country as we begin this holiday season.

The American people are desperate—desperate, Mr. Speaker. We can wait no longer.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF RODERIC WOODRUFF GROAT, A/K/A ROD WOOD

(Mr. KATKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of central New York broadcasting legend Roderic Woodruff Groat, and to celebrate his retirement after more

than 50 years on television in our community.

Better known as "Rod Wood," he is a household name in central New York and a trusted source of news throughout our region. For five decades, he has been there to deliver the news to families throughout our community.

Before beginning his career in broadcasting, Rod proudly served in the U.S. Army with the 504th Military Police Battalion. In 1976, he worked on NewsChannel 9, and has been a fixture at the station ever since.

Outside of work, Rod is extremely devoted to his family. He stood in support of his wife, Nanette, through her 9-year battle with cancer, and proudly celebrated 52 years of marriage before her passing earlier this year. Together, Rod and Nanette raised 5 children and were blessed with 10 grandchildren.

The dean of central New York broadcasting, our community will truly miss welcoming Rod Wood into our communities and our homes every evening.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Rod Wood for a remarkable 50-year career in journalism. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

#### FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress representing the Virgin Islands, I came to Congress determined to increase long-term Federal investment in infrastructure, among other things.

I congratulate the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman, Mr. DEFAZIO; Highways and Transit Subcommittee chair, Ms. NORTON; and other committees for H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

In the midst of so much uncertainty in the economy during the current public health crisis, the American people need the certainty of H.R. 2 to count on stable and strong investment in infrastructure to sustain and create jobs, and enhance the mobility and safety of American motorists, passengers, and throughput systems.

The Moving Forward Act makes a real investment in America, especially in underserved districts like my own. While all of the States have received small and steady increases in funding over the recent decade, severe cuts have disproportionately and negatively affected Americans in U.S. territories.

In the meantime, substandard highways, roads, and stormwater infrastructure have further affected harsh weather patterns. In my district, we still feel the aftermath of major category 5 hurricanes every day. It has been our new normal for some time before the current COVID normal.

We know firsthand that there are areas throughout this country that are

in desperate need of revitalizing infrastructure. The American people and businesses are rightly concerned with the infrastructure.

In the 117th Congress, we must show our constituents that the next Congress is determined to build America back better.

#### CONGRATULATING MARILYN BLACK ON HER RETIREMENT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marilyn Black of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and congratulate her on her retirement.

I cannot possibly overstate Marilyn's impact on Oil City and the surrounding area. Marilyn served as the vice president for Heritage Development of the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism for 15 years.

In those 15 years, Marilyn worked tirelessly to preserve the region's heritage in some of the region's most precious historical sites, including: the Tarbell House, Neilltown Church, and Coal Oil Johnny House, just to name a few.

Marilyn's hard work and dedication has not gone unnoticed. Earlier this year, Bill Moon, the mayor of Oil City, Pennsylvania, declared June 13 to be Marilyn Black Day.

I think Betsy Kellner, secretary of the Oil Region Alliance's board of directors, summed it up best: "When you look around the community at the many accomplishments that have happened, you can see Marilyn's touch."

When Marilyn is not hard at work for the oil region, she enjoys the outdoors, spending time fishing, boating, kayaking, hiking, and more.

I would like to send my very best wishes to Marilyn as she begins her much-deserved retirement.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### CONDEMNING ACTS BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION THAT VIOLATE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1033) condemning acts by the People's Republic of China and

the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that violate fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents as well as acts that undermine Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1033

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China ("PRC") is legally bound to guarantee the civil liberties of the people of Hong Kong through 2047 and the "Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong" (hereafter the "Joint Declaration"), in which the People's Republic of China committed that for 50 years, the basic policies would remain unchanged, including keeping the "social and economic systems in Hong Kong" unchanged;

Whereas Article 39 of the Basic Law of Hong Kong mandates that: "The provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and international labour conventions as applied to Hong Kong shall remain in force and shall be implemented through the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region";

Whereas the Joint Declaration states that "Rights and freedoms, including those of the person, of speech, of the press, of assembly, of association, of travel, of movement, of correspondence, of strike, of choice of occupation, of academic research and of religious belief will be ensured by law in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" and that those rights are reiterated in Chapter III of the Basic Law;

Whereas Chapter III of the Basic Law of Hong Kong guarantees Hong Kong residents other specific rights and freedoms, including—

- (1) freedom of speech, of the press, and of publication;
- (2) freedom of association, of assembly, of procession, and of demonstration;
- (3) the right and freedom to form and join trade unions and to strike;
- (4) freedom from arbitrary or unlawful arrest, detention, or imprisonment;
- (5) freedom from arbitrary or unlawful search of, or intrusion into, a Hong Kong resident's home or other premises;
- (6) freedom and privacy of communication;
- (7) freedom of movement within the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR");
- (8) freedom of emigration to other countries and regions;
- (9) freedom of conscience; and
- (10) the right to institute legal proceedings in the courts against the acts of the executive authorities and their personnel;

Whereas the PRC National People's Congress Standing Committee (NPCSC) has inserted a national security law directly into Annex III of the Basic Law of Hong Kong, and said national security law is purportedly intended to prevent and punish acts of "separating the country, subverting state power, and organizing terroristic activities";

Whereas said action is a flagrant violation of Hong Kong's autonomy and rule of law in that Article 18 of the Basic Law provides that laws included in Annex III are "confined to those relating to defense and foreign affairs as well as other matters outside the limits of the autonomy of the Region as specified by this Law";

Whereas Article 11 of the Joint Declaration states that "The maintenance of public order

in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will be the responsibility of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region";

Whereas the national security law promulgated by the NPCSC violates Article 11 of the Joint Declaration by establishing PRC entities in Hong Kong with powers over public order;

Whereas Article 23 further specifies that "[Hong Kong] shall enact laws on its own to prohibit any act of treason, secession, sedition, subversion against the Central People's Government";

Whereas through a similar abuse of Annex III of the Basic Law of Hong Kong, the PRC Government caused the adoption of the National Anthem Law in Hong Kong, which curtails the freedom of speech and carries a maximum sentence of 3 years, mirroring the extent of sentence under the People's Republic of China Criminal Law;

Whereas the PRC Government's repeated and heavy-handed actions to undermine the rule of law in Hong Kong and Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy will only further escalate the ongoing protests and increase public disapproval of the PRC and the HKSAR Government, jeopardizing Hong Kong's future as an open and prosperous international city;

Whereas the full Chinese-language text of the national security legislation was not revealed until the Hong Kong Chief Executive promulgated the law in Hong Kong at 11 p.m. on June 30, 2020, making it only the second law since 2008 that the NPCSC has passed without releasing a draft for public comment; and

Whereas the imposition of this national security legislation, which undermines the established rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents provided in the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, constitutes a violation of commitments made by the PRC under international law: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) underscores that democratic societies around the world stand in solidarity with the people of Hong Kong, who face grave threats to their inviolable rights and freedoms;

(2) condemns the action by the People's Republic of China's National People's Congress to advance national security legislation for Hong Kong through irregular procedures, which constitutes a violation of the letter and spirit of the Joint Declaration, and the Basic Law which is the implementing document of the Joint Declaration;

(3) asserts that such actions by the People's Republic of China undermine its credibility within the international community, including the People's Republic of China's credibility in honoring its commitments to international agreements and respecting internationally recognized human rights;

(4) calls on the People's Republic of China to immediately rectify provisions of the national security law inconsistent with the Joint Declaration and other provisions of the Basic Law including—

(A) the judicial processes for national security cases; and

(B) the law's asserted extraterritorial jurisdiction; and

(5) advises the President, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Treasury to coordinate with allies and partners to respond to developments in Hong Kong, including by—

(A) appointing a United Nations Special Envoy for Hong Kong;

(B) encouraging all relevant United Nations special rapporteurs to closely monitor and report on People's Republic of China's policies in Hong Kong, including the Special